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ABSTRACT

These Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSRD) state action plans were initially developed in 1998 for the central regional states, which include Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. They detail the states' specific technical assistance needs, as well as the services to be provided by Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL) in collaboration with other service providers. The plans have been revisited to reflect each individual state's changing needs and McREL's assistance plans associated with the federally initiated Demonstration Programs. In tabular format, McREL action plans for each of the central regional states are listed. The plan consists of the following: the specific assistance needed, the strategy to be used, the assistance to be provided to which agency, and the date by which the intervention is to be completed. (DFR)

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McREL's CSRD Coordinator worked with each SEA CSRD Coordinator to identify specific technical assistance activities for each state. Among the requests for technical assistance from McREL were: help with facilitating the grant application process for prospective CSRD applicants; creating opportunities for CSRD schools to network; providing guidance to the new CSRD SEA Coordinators, and; disseminating strategies for successful implementation of comprehensive school reform through regional workshops. Strategies for successful implementation of comprehensive school reform will include allocating resources for efficiency, designing evaluation, analyzing and using data, and creating high quality professional development programs.

Table 1 summarizes the key needs identified by each Central Region state. Each SEA CSRD Coordinator had an opportunity to review the action plan prior to this printing These action plans will be updated as additional needs are identified.

Table 1
Needs Assessment for Action Planning

ITEM	CO	KS	MO	NE	ND	SD	WY
Application process/proposal development			✔			✔	
Collaboration between teaching staff and community		✔		✔			
Leadership/capacity-building issues	✔	✔		✔			
Limited number of substitute teachers	✔	✔		✔			
Model design implementation strategies				✔			
Network opportunities for CSRD sites	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
On-site assistance/facilitation	✔						
Program evaluation strategies			✔	✔	✔		
Time for professional development							✔

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Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Technical Assistance and Training			
Training in Six Traits Writing	Regional training; identify representatives from the 18 CSRD sites requesting the Six Traits Writing Workshop	McREL: G. Clark D. Seger CDE: B. Fitchett	TBA
Assist/partner with CDE Regional Support Teams in service delivery	Conduct regional workshops on the CSRD application process	McREL: G. Clark CDE: J. Silverstein B. Fitchett Regional Support Team	TBA
Support to identified CSRD schools in need of implementation strategies and corrective action plan	Site visits; revisit implementation timelines and goals; provide support and guidance	McREL: G. Clark CDE: B. Fitchett	March Ongoing
Communication links to resources and networks for CSRD sites	Face-to-face meetings; listserv, e-mail, mailings and CSRD interactive Web site	McREL: G. Clark CDE: B. Fitchett J. Silverstein	February 25th May Ongoing
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region IX CC	July October
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRD schools to attend CSRD/PD workshop with PD award-winning schools	McREL: G. Clark NCREL NWREL PD schools	July September

Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18
Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL CDE CO Region IX CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites: on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Technical Assistance and Training			
Pre-application training for prospective CSRD applicants	LEA roundtable event with prospective CSRD applicants	McREL: G. Clark KSDE	May 3
CSRD awareness	Present at Kansas State Department of Education Annual Conference - Wichita, KS	McREL: G. Clark K. Dickson Model Designers Region VII CC	May 4-5
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region VII CC	July October
Strategies for successful completion of nine CSRD components	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18
CSRD Reviewers Training	Convene training for CSRD reviews by prospective CSRD applicants	McREL: G. Clark KSDE: C. Clement	June
Best practice tools for successful implementation of CSR	Network Forum at IAS conference with selected CSRD sites and PD award-winning schools	McREL: G. Clark PD schools	October
Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing

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Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL KSDE Region VII CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Technical Assistance and Training			
LEA Roundtable event	Network opportunities to share strategies and resources	McREL: G. Clark, A. Peralez SEA	January 21
Action planning for prospective CSRD applicants	Working meeting with SEA CSRD coordinators in Washington, DC	McREL: G. Clark Region VII CCs USDE	February 18
Education Excellence Conference - CSRD Strand presentation	CSRD overview panel presentation and resource allocation presentation at State conference	McREL NE SEA CSRD sites	April 12-13
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region VII CC Other service providers	July October
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18
Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing

Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL NDE CO Region VII CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Technical Assistance and Training			
Collaboration between North Dakota and South Dakota CSRD schools for networking to exchange strategies	CSRD roundtable event	McREL: G. Clark ND DPI DECA	TBA
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meeting	McREL: G. Clark Region VI CC Model Developers	July October
Conduct site visits and meet with SEA CSRD Coordinators	Assist North Dakota Dept of Public Instruction with CSRD LEA site visits	McREL	TBA
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRD schools to attend CSRD/PD workshop with PD award winning schools	McREL: G. Clark NCREL NWREL PD schools	October
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18
Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing

Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL: G. Clark NDE SEA Region VI CC Mountain & Plains Equity Center	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Technical Assistance and Training			
Professional development initiatives	LEA roundtable event	McREL: G. Clark V. LaRock DESE staff	September
Understanding the "Change Process" (Lafayette, SD)	A workshop using the simulated *Change Game* will be presented.	McREL: G. Clark M. Arnold	February 18
Action planning for prospective CSRD sites	Working meeting with SEA CSRD coordinators in Washington, DC	McREL: G. Clark Region VII CC USDE	February 18
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region VII CC Model Developer	July October
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Network forum workshop at IAS CSRD conference with selected CSRD sites and PD-awarded schools	McREL: G. Clark NCREL and NWREL PD schools	July September
Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing

Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL: G. Clark V. LaRock Region VII CC DESE	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Assistance Need	Strategy to be used	Assistance to be provided by	Complete by
Technical Assistance and Training			
CSRD Orientation Proposal guidelines CSRD readiness Model selection	Workshop for prospective CSRD sites	McREL: G. Clark DECA: J. Hauck	December
Understanding the "Change Process" (Lafayette, SD)	A workshop using the simulated *Change Game* will be presented	McREL: G. Clark, M. Arnold	February 18
Action planning for prospective CSRD applicants	Working meeting with SEA CSRD coordinators in Washington, DC	McREL: G. Clark Region VI CC USDE	February 18
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region IX CC	July October
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRD schools to attend CSRD/PD workshop with PD award winning schools	McREL: G. Clark NCREL NWREL PD schools	July September
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18

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Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL Region VI CC DESE	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL G. Clark	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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Technical Assistance and Training			
Network opportunities to exchange strategies and resources	LEA CSRD roundtable event	McREL: G. Clark M. Arnold WY SEA NWREL Region IX CC	January 13
Review CSRD evaluation tool	Provide feedback on CSRD evaluation tool	McREL WY SEA: K. Scheurman	March 16
Proposed Development Data collection systems Evaluation strategies	CSRD New Grantee Implementation Workshop	McREL: G. Clark WY SEA NWREL	Fall
Action planning and identification of strategies for successful implementation of CSRD	CSRD SEA networking meetings	McREL: G. Clark Region IX CC	July October
Best practice tools for successful implementation of school reform	Selected CSRD schools to attend CSRD/PD workshop with PD award winning schools	McREL: G. Clark NCREL NWREL PD schools	July September
Strategies for successful implementation of the nine components of CSRD	McREL Fall Conference/ CSRD Pre-conference	McREL: G. Clark SEAs CSRD sites	October 18

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Support Services			
Q&A e-mail hotline		McREL: Field Services' staff	Ongoing
Project site listserv		McREL	Ongoing
Listserv for SEAs		McREL	Ongoing
Interagency coordination meetings	Face-to-face meetings; conference calls	McREL: G. Clark M. Arnold WY SEA NWREL Region IX CC	Ongoing
McREL CSRD products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Cross-lab developed CSRD materials/products	Disseminate to SEA and CSRD LEA in state	McREL: G. Clark	Ongoing
Research Activities			
Research studies at CSRD LEA sites	Selected regional sites; on-site data collection	McREL: G. Clark H. Apthorp J. Florian D. Aguilera B. Keller	Ongoing

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